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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-30 remain in the application. Claim 13 has been canceled. Claims 1, 9-12, 16, 23 and 30 have been amended. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §112

The Office Action rejected claims 1-30 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Independent claims 1, 16, and 23 were amended to more closely conform to the specification at paragraph [0017]. Thus, the step of analyzing was cancelled so that it no longer appears that two incrementing steps are required. The claims that are dependent on the independent claims inherit the amendment. Therefore, the rejection is overcome.

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. This rejection is a consequence of the lack of written description and is overcome for the reasons discussed above.

The Office Action rejected claims 5, 13, 22, and 26 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The limitations of claims 5 22, and 26 which were part of the original specification, were added to the written description of an embodiment to provide support for the claims. Claim 13 was cancelled, thus mooting the rejection.